

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I'm wanting to know, is this going to be a tax on the boat? I've got so many letters that somebody says their boat is taxed and the next one is not taxed. Does this open up... I'm asking Senator Savage. Does this have anything to do with the property tax on the boat?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Not a thing. This is for the safety of the boat owner.

SENATOR KEYES: OK, thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: May I continue?

PRESIDENT: The 15 minutes is up and we have several lights on.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I move its adoption.

PRESIDENT: We've already done that and we've got several lights. The motion is to advance and that's been made but we've got many people here and our 15 minutes are up.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Speaker, your 15 minutes are up on this bill. The purpose of this is to...

SENATOR SAVAGE: Are we going to vote on it now; I'm asking for a vote.

PRESIDENT: The purpose of the 15 minute rule is so that we can get rid of noncontroversial bills. They asked for the previous question, so do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: We still have lights on and we still have the motion before us. Mr. Speaker we have long lapsed the 15 minutes. We go to LB 499.

CLERK: Read LB 499. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: This bill has to do with the gas shortage that we experienced over the nation during the extremely cold weather in January. At that time the metropolitan utility district at Omaha did share with some of the other states natural gas that they did not need. A question came up if or not this was actually legal without this particular piece of legislation. 499 would give clear legal authority then to Nebraska's public natural gas supplies and it applies especially to MUD in Omaha. MUD felt this legislation was needed so that in times of shortage the natural gas could be exchanged between the state of Nebraska's suppliers and other states. It may come our way the next time and at that time I understand that some natural gas that was available from in the lines of MUD was available to other states. There was a question if or not this was legal. So this bill, LB 499 merely makes this exchange of gas legal should the time come again when there needs to be an exchange of natural gas. I move for the...be advanced to E & R Initial.